

ARMY SENDS SCHOOL BILLS

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FORECAST

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New pit boss a former pit boy
ONE OF THE NEW
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I say advice is ignored

By TREVOR EVANS

FUEL MINISTER Mr. Aubrey Jones confirmed yesterday that ex-pit boy Mr. James Bowman will become chairman of the National Coal Board.

He will take the job on its present salary of £7,500 a year.

So the Minister and Coal Board chiefs have ignored one of the most controversial recommendations of the Fleet Committee, whose report led to last year's reorganisation of the board.

This proposed that top-ranking chiefs should have substantial salary increases "to attract the best men in industry."

First chairman of the board, Lord Hyndley, received £3,500.

So do the chiefs of other nationalised industries.

Mr. Bowman's deputy will be Mr. Joseph Latham, the board's former finance chief.

Mr. Latham, 50, a chartered accountant who became a director of Manchester Collieries, has been promoted to tighten control on the board's spending.

Most encouraging sign in last night's coal returns was a jump of 1,200 in the number of men in the coal mines.

Once again miners are encouraging their sons to follow father.

Most of last week's increase was from youngsters taking their first jobs. Even so, there are still 5,000 fewer than a year ago.

SIR GRAHAM HAYMAN, president of the Federation of British Industries, gave a hint yesterday of the advice Mr. Harold Macmillan, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, will get from industry for his first Budget.

Government spending is too high. Taxes are too high. Cut both.

Sir Graham conceded that unless the Government does something about the first time second is impossible.

The Government, he added, spends one-third of the whole national production—appreciably more than Britain's main trade rivals.

Civvies in Germany must pay —fees higher than Eton's

THE British taxpayer is paying £540 a year for each child attending Rhine Army boarding schools in West Germany.

And £120 a year for each pupil in elementary schools. These figures have started a panic among Foreign Office and Embassy officials and caused a row with the War Office.

Soldiers and officers send their children free of charge to schools run by the Army Education Branch. So, at present, do Foreign Office men.

But the civilians have now been told: "In future you

From **WILLIAM HAMSHER**
Berlin, Tuesday

will pay the whole cost." When West Germany regained sovereignty and occupation costs were cut, the War Office worked out the figures and told the Foreign Office that the bill would have to be paid for children of its staff.

Said an Army officer: "We get no overseas allowances and we pay full income tax. Therefore we are entitled to free education."

Civilians here get whacking cost-of-living allowances

tax free. It is time they paid."

Civilians parents are joking bitterly. "We can't afford to send our children to an Army school, so we'll have to be content with Eton, Harrow—or Borstal!"

There's something in that. For a boy at Eton or Harrow will cost £400 a year in fees from this summer; Borstal is free to the parents of its alumni. But each costs the taxpayer £552 a year.

About 13,000 children attend the Army schools. Biggest of the boarding establishments is at Ploeden, with 700 girls and boys.

Expelled husband wins 3-day reprieve

FOR WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Express Staff Reporter

SEVENTEEN-STONE Nuri Hussain, one of three Iraqi students ordered to quit Britain by Friday, can stay a little longer—so that he can celebrate his wedding anniversary.

For Hussain was married on January 22 last year to architecture student Lamice. She has not been told to leave Britain.

And, rather than part them for their anniversary on Sunday, the Home Office has extended Hussain's stay until Monday.

Four Iraqi students and Lamice walked up two flights of rickety stairs to an Iraqi students' two-roomed club in Barter-street, Bloomsbury, to report that the Home Office had been "sympathetic on a romantic basis only."

With the Hussains was Mustafa Mustafa, a student in Sunderland, who has also been ordered to go home. The third student told to go is I. S. Nuri. No reasons have been given.

No guarantee...

Said Hussain: "The Home Office they say look at your conscience. There you will find the reason for having to go."

On the conscience I have nothing. It is so difficult. Mustafa nodded in agreement. Lamice Hussain said: "I hope to stay on here to finish my studies after my husband has gone. I have still three years to go at college. But though the Foreign Office tell me that I may apply for an extension of permit to stay here, they also say they can give no guarantee that I will get it."

Four socialist M.P.s who tried to intercede for the students were told by the Home Secretary, Mr. Lloyd George, that he refused to disclose the reason for expelling them.

The students received a month's notice in a letter from Mr. Lloyd George. It said: "Your continued presence is not conducive to the public good."

...no satisfaction

After seeing the Home Secretary yesterday, Mr. Will Griffiths (Manchester, Exchange) said: "The sinister thing is we could get no satisfaction as to what these students have done."

But the M.P.s believe the expulsion stems from Iraqi Government anger about the students' political activities—criticism of the Iraqi Government in a students' society magazine published in London.

Mr. Griffiths said last night that 13 Iraqi students had their passports and £9 10s. a week grants withdrawn by their Government last year.

I. S. Nuri was one of the 13.

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All unpaid

The three other people involved are:—
Sir William Victor McCleery, 69, an ex-Cabinet Minister.
Doctor Eileen Hickey, 65, an Independent.
Senator Henry S. C. Richardson, 72.

None of the four has received any payment at all for work on committees, said Lieut.-Colonel Alex Gordon, Government leader on the Senate.

The next step: Select committees will report on the position of the members.

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A statement from Mr. Stuart

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PRINCESS says YES



ELISABETH—Luxembourg

PRINCESS says ???



ISABELLE—France

TWO princesses, in the marriage news yesterday were Elisabeth of Luxembourg and Isabelle of France.

Princess Elisabeth, 33-year-old daughter of the Grand Duchess Charlotte of Luxembourg, fixed the date of her marriage to Prince Franz Ferdinand of Hohenberg, grandson of Archduke Ferdinand of Austria.

The date: May 9. The place: Luxembourg Cathedral.

And Princess Isabelle? She is the 23-year-old daughter of the Count of Paris, pretender to the French throne. And she is said to be getting engaged soon to Prince Baudouin.

A Brussels newspaper yesterday dated sources close to the Belgian royal family that the engagement is imminent. Then came a palace denial.

But Belgians point out that Isabelle and her father have just spent four days in Belgium. And Isabelle and Baudouin played golf together while their fathers had "long and friendly talks."

AMERICA COLUMN

From JAMES COOPER,
New York, Tuesday

Shipbuilding plan hits Britain

BAD news today for British shipyards, hoping to secure American shipbuilding contracts.

A "Build in America" plan, to be subsidised by the U.S. Government, is launched with the announcement that

the Grace Line is undertaking a 286 million dollar (£102 million) ship replacement programme.

The line is to build two new passenger-cargo liners, costing \$3,000,000 each. The Government will contribute \$500,000 for each of the ships to pay for defence features

and to meet the extra cost of having them built in the U.S. rather than in foreign shipyards. And this is only part of the programme. The line will eventually replace 24 other ships under a scheme whereby the Government, like a car dealer, will take old cars as part-payment for new.

HUNDREDS of ceremonies across America today marked the 250th anniversary of the birth of Benjamin Franklin. Most novel: at New York's City Hall where, to a crowd of dignitaries, the Five Crows sang "Ben, Ben, Quaker Ben."

AMERICAN youth is not composed mainly of juvenile delinquents. As the four-month current member of the Boy Scouts, 12-year-old James Barry Twiss received his tenderfoot badge from Vice-President Richard Nixon.

SNOW in New York threatens to become deeper as the strike of oil and coal drivers enters its second day. At stake is the city's prized central heating.

HOLLYWOOD'S famous crossroads of Hollywood-boulevard and Vine-street are to have spangled pavements of brown and buff in draughtboard pattern with an aquamarine gleam.

PLEASE, asks Los Angeles City Council, don't call our policemen "cops"—they think it lowers respect for their profession.

Dulles grins, growls at 'war' grilling



As CUMMINGS saw it while in America.

From **HENRY LOWRIE**

WASHINGTON, Tuesday. THAT rugged exponent of American strength, John Foster Dulles, today stood by his "verge of war" views published in this week's Life magazine.

The article, by Life writer James Shepley, caused a rumble of criticism round the world. But the article tended to "over-simplification and special emphasis."

All this has caused such a stir in America that 210 reporters turned up for the weekly Dulles Press conference today instead of the usual 50 or 60.

Mr. Dulles grinned when he saw this reinforced attendance. He said: "I am not a man to be intimidated by a mob."

Mr. Dulles today were in a prepared statement which he read aloud:

"I believe that the U.S. should adopt every honourable course to avoid engagement in war."

"I believe, however, that there are basic moral values and vital interests for which we stand, and that the surest way to avoid

war is to let it be known in advance that we are prepared to defend these principles, if need be by life itself."

Reporter: Did you say that the ability to get to the verge without getting into war is the necessary art?

Mr. Dulles hedged. He declared that the quotation, taken by itself, "is somewhat ambiguously phrased." It implied that getting to the brink of war might be America's choice rather than the choice forced upon her.

He dodged
Will you amplify your statement that Britain "had a change of heart" about supporting joint action to help the French in Indo-China?

Mr. Dulles sidestepped. Obviously, he said, there had been differences of opinion. But it was not desirable to revive them now.

Did President Eisenhower agree with your recommendation, as the article in Life stated, that U.S. atom bombers should destroy Red Chinese bases if the Chinese intervened openly in Indo-China?

Mr. Dulles was annoyed at that. He growled a refusal to discuss the views put by the article's author.

More quizzing... more hedging... and then with that one word "Enough" Mr. Dulles ended the session.

Many reporters never had a chance to put their questions to him.

Wilson disagrees with Dulles

MR. CHARLES WILSON, U.S. Secretary of Defence, today disagreed with Life magazine's statement by Mr. Dulles that the U.S. was on the verge of war three times in 1953-54.

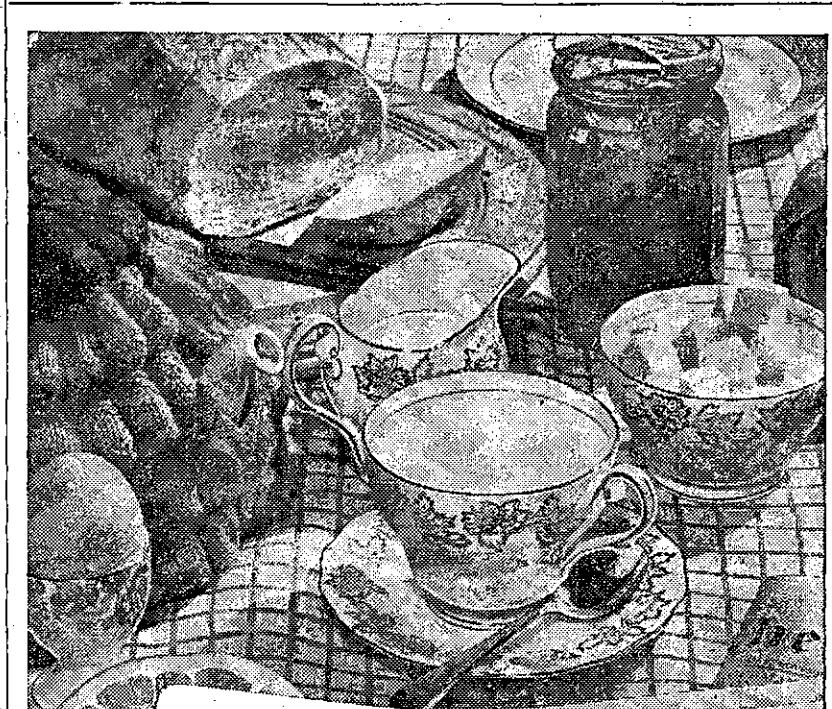
"I never thought we were that close," said Mr. Wilson. Adlai Stevenson, probable Democrat candidate in the



● Jane Russell wears gipsy jewellery of linked rings, coils, and crescents for her new film "Hot Blood." It will be seen in Britain soon.

presidential election, called on President Eisenhower to repudiate the "brink of war" statement or sack Mr. Dulles.

IN LONDON, Lord Strang, former Permanent Under-Secretary at the Foreign Office, said in a broadcast: "Mr. Dulles's policies can be wiser than his words."



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A SPEAKER RESIGNS IN LEGAL TANGLE

Express Staff Reporter

ULSTER'S Parliament was without a Speaker last night. He resigned from his job (£2,000 a year and £300 expenses) after an announcement which shook M.P.s.

Speaker Sir Norman Stronge, two other M.P.s, and a member of the Ulster Senate may all be disqualified from sitting because they hold offices of profit under the Crown.

Sir Norman, aged 61, said last night that he had resigned as "Speaker to save" any further "embarrassment" to the "office of profit."

Chairman of the Central Advisory Council on Disabled Persons.

Prime Minister Viscount Brookeborough called a special meeting of the Senate yesterday to make the announcement.

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THE HONOURS and THE PRESS
The Press Council yesterday strongly condemned the action of the People's newspaper in publishing details of the New Year Honours List on Sunday, January 1, despite an embargo until the following day.

It "places in jeopardy the system of issuing information in advance on a confidential basis," said the council.

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